

Pittsburg ISD Parent Involvement and Family Engagement Policy

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Parent involvement is a critical part of education at Pittsburg ISD. Our goal is to work together with parents to provide the best learning experience possible for our students. We value your presence, your support, and your input in the educational process. We realize that, in today's world, parent involvement and family engagement is not limited to your physical presence at a school building. While many of you may not be able to come to the school during the day, that does not limit your ability to be involved in the education of your child. The purpose of this policy is to explain your rights as a parent and to outline ways you can actively be involved in the education of your child.

A strong partnership between home and school is a necessary component in a child's education. That partnership thrives on communication. Our goal is to keep the lines of communication open at all times and keep you informed of your child's progress at school and of special events that will be taking place. We do this in several ways:

Conferences, Notes, or Phone Calls – Each teacher has a time set aside each day for planning and conferencing. If you would like to visit with your child's teacher, please call the school to schedule an appointment. You may request to meet with the teacher in person or ask that he or she return your call. You may also send a note to your child's teacher requesting that she contact you.

Folders (Grades K – 4) – Each week your child will bring home the previous week's graded work in a folder. A weekly report of academic and behavioral progress will be included in the folder. Parents are asked to sign the folder and return it the next day with the student. Notices of coming events and other scheduled events will be sent home in these folders as well. Please make every effort to check these folders each week.

Pittsburg ISD Website – Efforts are made to keep the lines of communication open by keeping the public informed of special events and accomplishments at Pittsburg ISD at www.pittsburgisd.net

Newspaper Articles - Efforts are made to keep the lines of communication open by keeping the public informed of special events and accomplishments at Pittsburg ISD. Check the Pittsburg Gazette, online or paper version, for current school news.

Volunteering at School – Many opportunities are available for parents or guardians to volunteer at Pittsburg ISD. Examples include field trip chaperones and assisting teachers with special events or projects. Please check with your child's teacher to determine the best way for you to volunteer.

Working Together – Please encourage your child to put a high priority on education and work with him or her on a daily basis to make the most of the educational opportunities the school provides. Research provides parents with the following best practices for the educational partnership.

- Ensure that your child completes all homework assignments and comes to school each day prepared, rested, and ready to learn.
- Become familiar with all of your child's school activities and academic programs.
- Contact the Principal with any questions you may have about the options and opportunities available to your child.
- Review graduation requirements if your child is entering ninth grade.
- Attend scheduled conferences and request additional conferences as needed. Monitor your child's academic progress.
- Become a school volunteer. See School Board Policy GKG for further information.
- Serve as a parent representative on the district or campus planning committees or the School Health Advisory Council. Contact the school Principal for further information.

Pittsburg ISD Student/Family/School Success Agreement

Success comes from an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. The following plan is designed for all parties involved to review, discuss, and agree upon so that students, parents, and school staff can work together for the success of the student.

Student I agree to do the following:

- Attend school regularly and be on time to class.
- Share notes, assignments, and other school information with my family.
- Complete homework on time.
- Show respect for my school, other people, and myself.
- Obey the code of conduct and other rules and follow procedures while on school grounds, on the bus, and at all school-sponsored activities.
- Do my best in my work and in my behavior.
- Work cooperatively with my classmates to have a positive and safe school environment.
- Make reading a daily habit.
- Dress appropriately.

School We agree to do the following:

- Communicate regularly with students and families regarding attendance and student performance.
- Treat each student with respect and help each student reach his/her fullest potential.
- Provide appropriate and effective instruction in a positive and safe learning environment.
- Be a positive role model.
- Seek ways to involve families in the school's activities.
- Encourage reading activities for the family.
- Enforce appropriate dress.

Family We agree to do the following:

- Assure that our student attends school regularly, is on time, and has the necessary supplies.
- Communicate regularly with teachers and school staff.
- Check daily for notes, assignments, homework, or other school information and monitor for completion.
- Know and support all District/school policies and rules.
- Support the school in its efforts to provide a safe and positive learning environment.
- Encourage good study habits at home.
- Support activities at our student's school.
- Read with our student and let him/her see us read.
- Promote and ensure appropriate dress.